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LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Norb Dantinne, Chair; Citizen Rep Stan Kaczmarek, Vice Chair
Amanda Chu, Tom Friberg, Dave Landwehr, Ray Suennen

LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021
5:30 PM
STEM Innovation Center
2019 Technology Way, Green Bay, WI 54311

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY TAKE ACTION ON
ANY ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Approve/Modify Agenda.
- III. Approve/Modify Minutes of March 23, 2021.

Comments from the Public

Land Conservation Department

1. Budget Status Report for February 28, 2021 - Unaudited.
2. Directors Report.
 - a. Resolution in Support of Achieving Base Funding Goal for County Conservation Staffing.
 - b. AIS Brown County Highlights.
 - c. Glacierland Resource Conservation & Development Position in Brown County.

Other

3. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.
4. Adjourn.

Norb Dantinne, Jr., Chair

Notice is hereby given that action by the Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda.

Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the Duck Creek Center – Public Works Dept., 2198 Glendale Avenue, Village of Howard.

Present: Chair Norb Dantine, Vice Chair/Citizen Rep Stan Kaczmarek, Supervisor Amanda Chu, Supervisor Tom Friberg, Supervisor Dave Landwehr, Supervisor Ray Suennen
Also Present: County Conservationist Mike Mushinski, Land and Water Engineering Tech Chris Flicek

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dantine at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Vice Chair Kaczmarek, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of February 23, 2021.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Suennen to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Comments from the Public. None.

Land Conservation Department

1. Draft Resolution in Support of County Conservation Funding.

County Conservationist Mike Mushinski referred to the draft resolution in the packet and noted it was from Executive Director Matt Krueger of the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association. It referenced back to 2019 when they started the Water Quality Task Force hearings and then after that things really stopped with COVID. The resolution requests that they get to \$13.0 million in base funding for county conservation staffing. They were not there; the state doesn't fulfill their statutory requirement at this point. They were funded by three positions, first 100%, second 70%, and third 50% and they were not close to that yet.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Suennen to send to staff for review. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Director's Report.

a. Chapter 26 Animal Waste Ordinance Review.

Land and Water Conservation Engineering Tech Chris Flicek provided a brief review of Chapter 26 Animal Waste Management Ordinance. Mushinski informed it was for informational purposes, no changes have been proposed, just an update on what they're finding in relation to the ordinance.

A PowerPoint re: Review of NR151 Agricultural Performance Standards and Manure Management Prohibition was presented and spoken to (attached). Flicek informed a large part of the ordinance references certain rules, he also displayed pictures of projects they worked on.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Friberg to receive and place on file. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. Brown County Seed to Table Initiative- Fork Farm.

Extension Director Judy Knudsen informed Land Conservation and Extension were working on a Seed to Table initiative (PowerPoint attached), this was one piece of it. This piece was designed to address food insecurity. The other piece will be addressed during PD&T under her report.

Knudsen informed they decided to get involved in looking at growing food in a different way. There was a company in Appleton that was now part of TiletownTech called Fork Farms. They create vertical hydroponic growing structures. Extension got one for the STEM Innovation Center with a grant that a partner had, they brought it back last summer and their 2021 budget had dollars for a second one. These were the size of a refrigerator, no soil is required, they don't use very much water, pesticide and herbicide-free and uses a standard electrical outlet. It doesn't cost much to operate so cost of production is low. Knudsen briefly explained the growing process and informed they have harvested one batch of lettuce and learned a lot. They're going to donate their lettuce to Paul's Pantry. They can grow cucumbers, strawberries, and herbs. Dantine suggested visiting the STEM Innovation Center as a committee.

Responding to Chu, Mushinski informed part of the Seed to Table initiative at the STEM Center was educating UWGB students and younger people that come through there; inside and outside things such as a pollinator, gardens, planting, and vegetables. A real big learning experience for students and young people.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Chu to receive and place on file. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

3. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.

4. Adjourn.

Motion made by Vice Chair Kaczmarek, seconded by Supervisor Suennen to adjourn at 6:12 pm. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

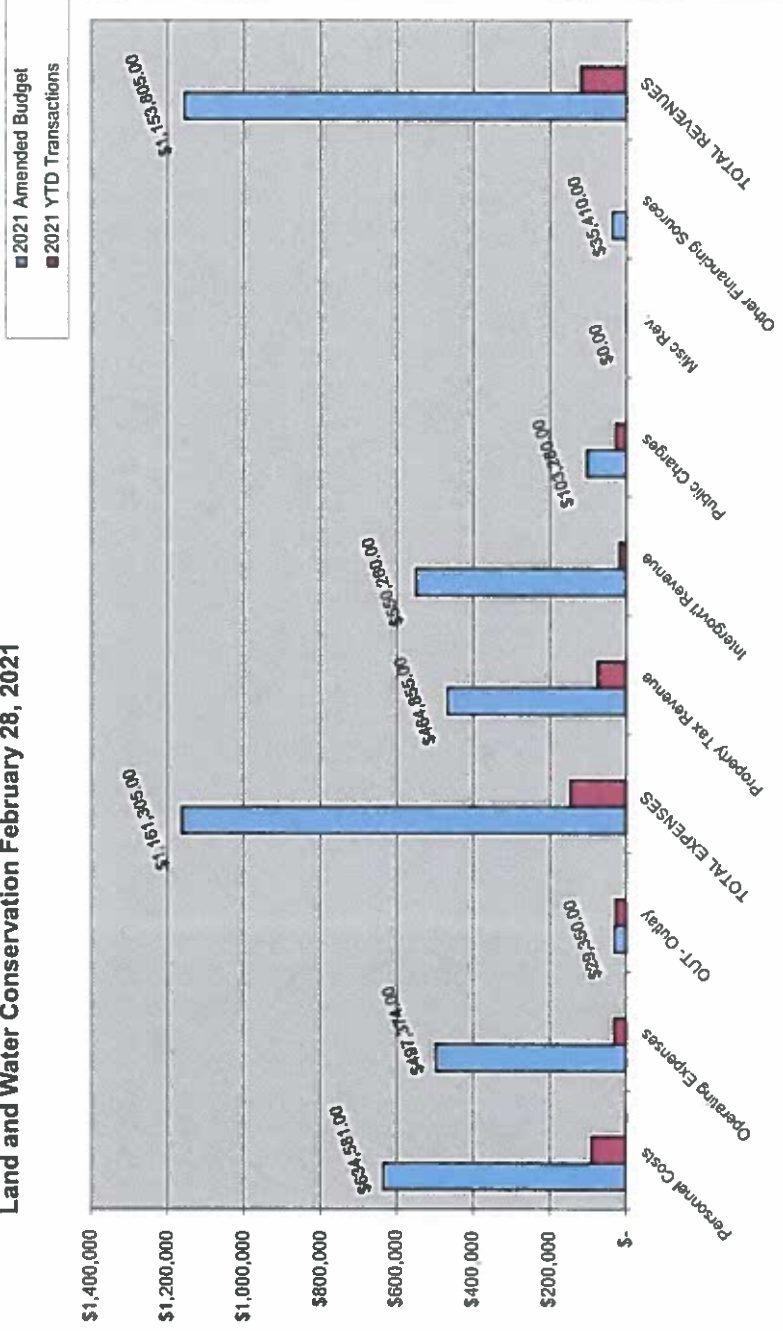
Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Administrative Coordinator

Brown County Land & Water Conservation
Budget Status Report (unaudited)
February 28, 2021

	<u>2021 Amended</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>	<u>2020 Amended</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Transactions</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Transactions</u>
Personnel Costs	\$634,421.00	\$90,390.69	\$634,581.00	\$93,847.45
Operating Expenses	\$320,900.00	\$29,942.58	\$497,374.00	\$23,915.61
OUT- Outlay	\$0.00	\$26,348.45	\$29,350.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$955,321.00	\$146,681.72	\$1,161,305.00	\$117,763.06
Property Tax Revenue	\$448,202.00	\$74,700.34	\$464,855.00	\$77,475.84
Intergov't Revenue	\$406,289.00	\$18,011.50	\$550,260.00	\$0.00
Public Charges	\$96,000.00	\$26,637.46	\$103,280.00	\$22,699.81
Misc Rev.	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$39.23
Other Financing Sources	\$1,830.00	\$0.00	\$35,410.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$952,321.00	\$119,549.30	\$1,153,805.00	\$100,214.88

Land and Water Conservation February 28, 2021



May 19, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACHIEVING BASE FUNDING GOAL
FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION STAFFING**

WHEREAS, Wis. Stats. § 92.06 and § 92.07 create and define the powers of Land Conservation Committees (LCCs), and Wis. Stat. § 92.09 empowers Land Conservation Departments (LCDs) to administer county soil and water conservation programs; and

WHEREAS, county LCDs are the local delivery mechanism for a wide range of Wisconsin's natural soil, water and other resource management programs including non-point pollution control, farmland preservation, reclamation of non-metallic mines, invasive species control, woodland management, lakes protection and programs; and

WHEREAS, LCD professionals work as trusted, technical advisors to support producer-led watershed groups, assist waterfront property owners, help farmers develop and implement nutrient management plans and respond to natural disasters like floods, and LCD professionals spend years building the trust to be able to successfully do so; and

WHEREAS, the conservation practices that LCD professionals help landowners apply to farm fields, forests and shorelines have numerous water quality benefits, including preventing soil erosion and promoting soil health, increasing infiltration into groundwater aquifers, protecting drinking water supply, reducing surface runoff and flood severity and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin establishes, in Wis. Stat. § 92.14(6)(b), a base funding goal for county conservation staffing at an average of three positions at 100, 70, and 50 percent support, respectively, for each LCD; and

WHEREAS, the return on investment in county LCDs is high—leveraging federal and private grant dollars into more conservation on the land and more dollars into local economies, and multiplying several times over the state’s existing investment; and

WHEREAS, support of county LCD funding is a bipartisan issue, supported by farm, conservation, environmental and local government groups alike, and was a top priority voiced by Wisconsinites at statewide Water Quality Task Force hearings in 2019; and

WHEREAS, an increase of base state funding for county conservation staffing will result in more conservation on the landscape and better protection of water quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brown County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Wisconsin Legislature and the Joint Committee on Finance to provide \$13.0 million in base funding for county conservation staffing, in fulfillment of the state’s base funding goal and in recognition that county LCD professionals are the among the best and most cost-effective solutions we have to improving water quality, achieving clean and safe drinking water and supporting a viable agricultural industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Brown County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association for consideration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is a sense of the County Board, and as such does not support or oppose their lawful right to take positions.

Fiscal Note: This Sense of the Board resolution does not require an appropriation from the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Land Conservation Subcommittee
Administration Committee

Approved By:

TROY STRECKENBACH,
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date Signed: _____

21-026R

Authored by Land and Water Conservation

Approved by Corporation Counsel's Office

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROLL CALL # _____

Motion made by Supervisor _____

Seconded by Supervisor _____

SUPERVISORS	DIST.	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	EXCUSED
SIEBER	1				
DE WANE	2				
CHU	3				
DORFF	4				
JACOBSON	5				
LEFEBVRE	6				
FRIBERG	7				
BORCHARDT	8				
EVANS	9				
VANDER LEEST	10				
BUCKLEY	11				
LANDWEHR	12				
DANTINNE, JR	13				

SUPERVISORS	DIST.	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	EXCUSED
BRUSKY	14				
MURPHY	15				
KASTER	16				
VAN DYCK	17				
HOPKINS	18				
ERICKSON	19				
COENEN	20				
SCHULTZ	21				
PETERS	22				
SUENNEN	23				
SCHADEWALD	24				
LUND	25				
DENEYS	26				

Total Votes Cast _____

Motion: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Tabled _____

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE SUBMISSION TO COUNTY BOARD

DATE: March 24, 2021

REQUEST TO: Land Conservation Committee, Administration & County Board

MEETING DATE: April 27, May 6 and May 19, respectively

REQUEST FROM: Mike Mushinski
County Conservationist

REQUEST TYPE: ☒ New resolution ☐ Revision to resolution
☐ New ordinance ☐ Revision to ordinance

TITLE: Resolution in Support of Achieving Base Funding Goal For County Conservation Staffing

ISSUE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Provide County Support For Increased Conservation Funding From State

ACTION REQUESTED:

Request Approval of Resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOTE: This fiscal impact portion is initially completed by requestor, but verified by the DOA and updated if necessary.

1. What is the amount of the fiscal impact? \$6.46 mailing cost in 2021-Future years unknown at present time.
2. Is it currently budgeted? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A (if \$0 fiscal impact)
 - a. If yes, in which account? _____
 - b. If no, how will the impact be funded? Yearly DATCP Grant Applications-Amount unknown Presently
 - c. If funding is from an external source, is it one-time ☐ or continuous? ☒
3. Please provide supporting documentation of fiscal impact determination.

☒ **COPY OF RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED**

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM
2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Brown County



BAIT SHOP INITIATIVE

Partnered with local bait shops to supply AIS Prevention materials and messaging;

- Three bait shops in Brown County joined the Initiative
- Bait shops trained to serve as local AIS knowledge resource
- Increased local knowledge of AIS Program as a resource

VIRTUAL TRAININGS AND OUTREACH

In spite of COVID-19, the Regional AIS Program safely:

- Held 7 virtual trainings for 29 volunteers
- Produced 2 AIS educational videos, one focused on Phragmites
- Wrote/Distributed 21 AIS articles
- Presented AIS prevention information at 4 virtual events



OTHER PROJECTS

Other AIS work completed in Brown County during 2020:

- Coordinated a citizen scientist monitoring event at 5 locations
- Assisted newly forming cooperative invasive species management area (NEWIP)
- Trained and coordinated volunteers for East River AIS Monitoring
- Delivered waterfowl hunting AIS prevention messaging at Deerfield Docks
- Conducted inspections of AIS signs at 5 lake access points
- Coordinated activities with Wardens, County staff, and other state partners
- Sampled for AIS at boat launches

FOR FULL 2020 AIS PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CONTACT:



Chris Acy
5 County Regional AIS Coordinator
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